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## STRANGE SCENES IN THE COURT

### TO EXAMINE THE FILIPINOS LIKE ALIENS

An effort is to be made to have Commerce and Labor, Filipinos coming here are not subject to examination by the immigration authorities. The last two batches of laborers arriving from the Philippines have judging from the quarantine examination, in a number of cases been below par from a health standpoint, so much so as to make it undesirable that they should land here.

As things stand at present, owing to a special ruling by the Secretary of

### MILLIONS PLANNED FOR HAWAII AND THE PHILIPPINES

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—The House of Representatives today passed the bill covering military fortifications, which involves an appropriation of \$5,617,200, about half of which is to be devoted toward the completion of the fortification of points of strategic importance in the Territory of Hawaii and in the Philippine Islands.

### DROWNED AFTER DESPERATE STRAIN

MARSHFIELD, Jan. 13.—The wreck of the coasting steamship Czarina, stranded on Coos Bay bar yesterday, is inaccessible to those endeavoring to render aid, owing to the severity of the storm now raging. As far as can be ascertained, there is but one survivor. This morning there were six members of the ship's company seen clinging to the rigging, but all have since been drowned.

### HOUSE TABLES ESTRADA RESOLVE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—The House of Representatives has tabled the resolution which asks the President to recognize General Estrada as the rightful claimant to the office of chief of the government of Nicaragua.

### MIKADO RECEIVES CHRISTIAN LEADER

TOKIO, Jan. 13.—The Emperor has granted an audience to Francis Clark, founder of the United Society of Christian Endeavor.

### OPPOSES SHIP SUBSIDY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—Representative W. P. Borland of Missouri today in the House delivered an address in opposition to the ship subsidy bill.

### LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WANTS THE SIERRA FOR AN EXCURSION TO HAWAII

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce has begun plans to repeat its excursion to Hawaii. Several years ago the chamber chartered the steamer Ohio and came here, and last year excursions were made to come again, but no steamer could be secured. Now that the Sierra is ready for business, the plan has been revived.

Secretary Cooper of the Promotion Committee received a letter this morning from A. M. Culver, agent of the Oceanic Company in Los Angeles, which says that Secretary Wiggin is working up the excursion. Culver says he thinks that with help from Honolulu the excursion can be made a go.

It is planned to have the Sierra sail from San Pedro to Hilo, remain in Hilo long enough to give the visitors time to see the volcano and then come to Honolulu, returning direct to San Pedro.

Negotiations are on now under way with the Oceanic Company to secure the Sierra. If they are completed, the Alameda will probably remain on the local Frisco run longer than was intended.

"The Chamber has been trying for some time to get a steamer," said Secretary Cooper. "Mr. Wiggin told me in Seattle that he felt sure the excursion would be arranged this year. Hence I feel that there is a very strong probability that the excursion will be a go."

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### CONGER'S EFFORTS TO GET HIS WIFE FROM HER FAMILY

"Do you wish to speak to that man?"

Thomas W. Rawlins shouted to his daughter, Mrs. Omar F. Conger, in Judge Robinson's courtroom this morning, as he stood opposite to her with his right hand clenched and raised in an intimidating gesture.

Although the court had just taken a recess, Mrs. Conger was still on the witness stand and Judge Robinson was just retreating through one of the doors.

It was an intensely dramatic scene and was used later as part of the case by J. Lightfoot, attorney for Conger who is seeking, through a writ of habeas corpus, to secure the re-

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### SHARPERS CAME HERE ON THE ARMY TRANSPORT THOMAS

There arrived in Honolulu aboard the U. S. Army transport Thomas, yesterday, a quartet of sharpers or grafters of a variety peculiar to transports, who prey on soldiers by means of phoney dice, trick cards and other gambling and cheating devices.

Authorities in the transport service have for some time used more or less effort to rid troopships, conveying large bodies of military between the Philippines and the United States, of this species of parasite, and it is reported that greater and more effective measures are to be taken.

In the meanwhile, however, there are four of the sharks who landed here yesterday from the Thomas and who purpose working Honolulu, to what extent they are able, pending the arrival of the next transport which they intend to board and where they expect to resume their grafting.

Unfortunately for the sharpers, they were identified as soon as they landed and their descriptions will be with the police and they will be under surveillance before this is in type.

They cleaned up a good pile among the nine hundred men of the Sixth Infantry aboard the Thomas on the trip from San Francisco, seven days being ample for their work. They can work their games to better advantage to their pockets on the transport runs between Honolulu and San Francisco than between Honolulu and the Philippines, for the reason that the former trip is shorter and, therefore, there is less chance of being discovered.

Well dressed, gentlemanly appearing, smooth talkers and ready buyers of booze for others; always of course, keeping their own scheming heads clear and ready for the exercise of their wits, these fellows are primed for mischief if it is to be stirred up in Honolulu. They at once made the rounds of the saloons to proclaim themselves good fellows, and have sized Honolulu up as a place where there should be "some pickings," though they agree it is a good place to be careful in. Unless they refrain from sharp practices here it is safe to say that they will run afoul of the detective bureau and the parasite-eliminating methods of Chief McDuffie.

These men do not pay their way on transport unless they have to. They stow away, frequently in soldiers' uniforms, begged, borrowed or stolen, and stay in hiding sometimes through an entire trip. If they are discovered by an officer, then they squeal out some pathetic story and, at the worst, are placed in the guard house or made to for their passage if they cannot pay the dollar a day charged for grub. But they are generally too slick to be found out, and successfully ply their trade of cheating the soldiers of whatever loose change they have, at cards, dice or other games. There is considerable money to be made in this way among 900 men aboard a transport. Now they aim to get some easy coin out of the military stationed in Honolulu, though, through their being identified on landing, they are likely to be disappointed.

### OPENING NEW SIGHTS FOR TOURISTS,—THE GARDENS OF THE SEA

The Outrigger Club is to have a glass-bottomed canoe for use on the reefs. The recently returned president of the organization has the canoe and the plans, and work will be rushed forward so that if any very remarkable marine gardens are discovered near Waikiki in time they will be shown for the benefit of the Clark cruises.

The president of the Outrigger Club acted as a committee of one during his trip away from Hawaii and visited both Bermuda, in the Atlantic and Catalina Island off the coast of California, both of which places are famous for their marine gardens and glass-bottomed boats. At Catalina George Freeth stated that he knew submarine gardens near Castle point that surpassed those of the California coast. If this is true, and the Outrigger Club means to investigate, an entirely new tourist industry may be built up here.

From Bermuda a commodious steamer goes out to the reefs daily, towing sometimes as many as a dozen spacious glass-bottomed boats and tens of thousands of dollars are earned annually by these boats. The Pacific marine gardens are infinitely more beautiful than those of the Atlantic.

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